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Smallpox in Middlesborough, Ky.—(Continued.)

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., *March 28, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the situation here is rapidly improving, and that the epidemic is under control. Only 2 cases have developed since March 22, and for the past six days no case has developed. Isolation of cases and suspects, and disinfection of houses and clothing have been prompt.

The disinfecting division is now at work disinfecting houses that are suspicious, houses in which cases of smallpox had occurred previous to the arrival of the Service, and which have been unoccupied since.

The inspection service has been thorough, and for the past five days has been directed particularly to the infected district, which is occupied chiefly by negroes, but no case of smallpox has been found.

There are 32 cases in the smallpox hospital this morning, a good many of which will be discharged within the next few days. There are 23 suspects in the detention camp this morning; a majority of them will have covered their period of detention this week.

I think that the quarantine of the city, which was put on by the State board of health on February 28, 1898, can be raised by Monday, April 4, 1898, and all guards, except those for the smallpox hospital and detention camp, be discharged. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Mobile and Hurricane Bayou.

MOBILE, ALA., *April 1, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 3 cases of smallpox have been discovered since my report of the 27th ultimo, 2 in colored persons who